



FIGHT THE BITE, LOUISIANA!

MOSQUITOES CAN KILL.

Mosquitoes can carry viruses that cause encephalitis. Though the risk of encephalitis is low, if contracted by humans, its effects range from flu-like symptoms to paralysis and in extreme cases...death.

PROTECT YOURSELF.

Wear insect repellent and apply according to the manufacturer's instructions. • *Wear light-colored long pants and long sleeve shirts to cover exposed skin.*

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Repair holes in door and window screens. • *Add sand to plant pot drip trays to absorb excess water.* • Get rid of old tires, buckets, drums, bottles or any water-holding containers. • *Fill in or drain any low places (puddles, ruts) in the yard.* • Keep drains, ditches and culverts clean of weeds and trash so water will drain properly. • *Cover trash cans to keep out rainwater.* • Empty plastic wading pools four to five times a week and store indoors when not in use. • *Tree rot holes and hollow stumps can hold water, make sure they are filled with sand or concrete.* • Change water in birdbaths and plant pots or drip trays four to five times a week. • *Keep your grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed around the house so adult mosquitoes will not hide there.* • For places like stagnant ponds, rain barrels and low-lying wet areas, use environmentally friendly larvicides, which kill mosquito larvae without danger to people, pets or wildlife.

For more information, visit www.FightTheBiteLouisiana.com or call 1-888-246-2675.

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